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\* THE FREETHY FAMILY OF MAINE

DEDICATED TO THAT RUGGED INDIVIDUALIST AND IN-  
DOMITABLE EARLY SETTLER ON THE MAINE COAST (1635)  
WHO HAD THE COURAGE AND FORTITUDE TO ESTABLISH  
HIMSELF IN A NEW LAND---AND TO HIS GREAT-  
GRANDSON, JOSEPH FREETHY (MY GREAT-GREAT-GRAND-  
FATHER), SOLDIER OF THE CONTINENTAL ARMY DURING  
THE WAR OF THE REVOLUTION, WHO UNDERWENT THE  
RIGORS OF THE WINTER OF 1777-78 AT VALLEY FORGE.

*Francis Vernon Freethy* Frank V. Freethy  
SAN FRANCISCO, CALIFORNIA

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The information contained herein does not represent original research, but data and dates from the works of Savage; Banks; Pope; Noyes, Libby and Davis; and others, who must have had inexhaustible patience and a deep enthusiasm for their work.

The facts on Sedgwick and Brooklin, Maine, are based on the "REGISTER OF SEDGWICK AND BROOKLIN" by Chatto and Turner (1910) and from family records furnished by Mary Freethy Davis Irwin of Cornish, N.H.

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\*Probably of interest  
only to THE FREETHY  
FAMILY.

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William Freethy was baptised in the Parish Church of St. Michael, Landrake, Cornwall County, England, on August 22, 1612. It was a Rule of the Established Church that infants be baptised within 3 days of birth, so that date can be considered approximately that of his birth, also.

At the age of 23, in company with his older brother Alexander ('Sander'), he left the Freethy farm in St. John's Parish, Cornwall County, sailing on the "SPEEDWELL" (Narias Hawkins, Master) arriving at Richmond Island (afterwards Falmouth) and now Cape Elizabeth, Maine on April 26, 1635, where he and his brother were employed as fishermen for the Trelawny Plantation of which John Winter was manager. On the same boat (which carried only 16 passengers) was Edward Trelawny who made a survey for his brother Robert who had obtained a patent to that region.

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In 1636, William returned to England but came back the next year on the "HERCULES" (William Chappel, Master) which arrived on February 13, 1637 after a trip of 10 weeks with 27 passengers among whom were several members of the Winter family. There is a record of William and his brother fishing on Stratton's Island but Alexander returned to England in 1638.

Without doubt William went along with him as on January 13, 1639 he married Elizabeth Barker at Plymouth, England. Unfortunately the passenger list of the "SAMUEL" is missing but it can be inferred that he came back on that vessel arriving on November 17, 1639 as he completed his 3 year contract with the Trelawny Plantation in September 1640, after promising to repay John Winter the 40 shillings which had been advanced to his mother in England. It seems then that he and his new wife moved to Portsmouth.

The "Province of Maine" was occupied by a very different type of Settler than the Pilgrims of Plymouth and the Puritans of Massachusetts Bay Colony. Both founders and settlers were from Devon and Cornwall Counties of seamen and adventurers, largely influenced by the opportunity to acquire land which was promised to emigrants in lots of one hundred acres each (almost a king's ransom in their estimation) of which they could be owners in fee simple. They cared nothing for dogma and religious reform and like their forbears, were sturdy, profane, none too fond of church going and impatient of too strict an enforcement of law and order, though under their own self-government a noteworthy effort was made to create a law-abiding community of an honest but often unruly people.

Therefore it is no wonder that on September 15, 1640 just after leaving the service of John Winter that William Freethy and a companion Henry Watts were fined 20 shillings (of which one-half was remitted) "for carrying boards on Sunday" and in 1643 he was called up "for neglecting the ordinances of God and refusing to live an orderly course of life."





In 1652 he was living in York, Maine which was originally called Agamenticus by the Indians and mariners; Bristol for a short time; in 1642 it was chartered as Gorgeana (in honor of Sir Ferdinando Gorges); later called East York and for many years was known as "Old York" so long as New York was known as York. William Freethy was among the 50 inhabitants who under duress that year signed the "Submission" to the "Government of Massachusetts in New England" when that government by force incorporated the "Province of Maine" (when from that time on it was merely a district of Massachusetts.) However when it came about to sign a petition to Cromwell that the change of government was satisfactory to the freemen of York he (not then be<sup>ing</sup> under duress) was among the 27 who refused to sign.

On November 22, 1652 he took the oath as freeman. Under the charter of the Massachusetts Bay Colony none were regarded as freemen or members of the body politic except such as were admitted by the General Court and took the oath of allegiance to the Established Government.

He had a grant on land on Ferry Neck but on October 31, 1681 he deeded some of his property to his son John and still other tracts to his sons Samuel and James on December 4, 1683 "with the free consent of his wife Elizabeth" with reservations for his own and their mother's lives and both were living there as late as 1688 (he being 76 years old). However on June 10, 1671 he had already given a piece of property to his son-in-law Thomas Holmes, husband of his daughter Joan. In 1684 at the age of 72 he was appointed ferryman "over the other side of the River where John Stover once lived". The last record of William and Elizabeth (Barker) Freethy was a deed which they gave on April 24, 1688 and acknowledged the next day.

✓ The children of WILLIAM and ELIZABETH (Barker) Freethy were:

(1) Joan, born 1648, married Thomas Holmes in 1671; he was killed by Indians January 16, 1690;

✓ (2) John, born 1650, resided York; appraiser 1685 and received a town grant the same year; married Hannah Bray (born 1660), ✓ daughter of Richard and Isabella Bray of North Yarmouth. John died on May 4, 1692 and his widow married Richard Hazelton of Rowley, Massachusetts, on June 10, 1707, though on record her name was given as Mary. She died on May 13, 1729 at the age of 69 years. Deeds show that John and Hannah had at least 3 children who were:

Joanna (born 1682) married Joseph Bane in 1703;  
✓ Mehitable who married Aquila Haynes in 1701;  
Jemina (born 1689) married Jonathan Spofford ✓  
of Rowley, Massachusetts, on May 13, 1708  
(they had 13 children).

Letter to the Hon. the Secretary of the Admiralty, 18th Dec 1881

I have the honor to acknowledge the receipt of your letter of the 14th inst. in relation to the proposed alterations in the design of the gunboat "Albatross" and in reply to inform you that the same have been referred to the Committee on the subject, and that they have recommended that the alterations should be made, and that the vessel should be ordered to be built in accordance with the same.

I have also the honor to inform you that the Committee have recommended that the vessel should be ordered to be built in accordance with the same, and that the alterations should be made, and that the vessel should be ordered to be built in accordance with the same.

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- (3) Samuel, born 1652; mariner, drowned November 24, 1685 (Robert Elliott of Portsmouth was administrator of his estate).
- (4) James, born 1650; killed by Indians Oct. 14, 1690.
- (5) Elizabeth, born 1657, who married (1) Isaac Botts of Berwick; he was killed by Indians at Salmon Falls on October 16, 1675; she then married (2) Moses Spencer of Berwick in July 1679; their first son was named Freethy Spencer.

JAMES Freethy, son of William and Elizabeth (Barker) Freethy, was born at York in 1650 where he took the oath of allegiance as freeman in 1680 at which time he received a land grant. He married Mary Milbury, daughter of Henry Milbury of York. He had firewood grants with William Rones and William Wormwood. James Freethy with William Wormwood, Lieutenant Arthur Bragdon, Thomas Bragdon and his son, Daniel Bragdon, were surprised by Indians while loading a vessel at Cape Neddick (a part of York Township and all were killed on October 14, 1693. His widow married Nathaniel Blackledge in 1695 and died May 23, 1735. Joseph Bragdon, a descendant of the above-mentioned Bragdon (now a man of 80 years in 1949) owns the Freethy farm overlooking the York River having purchased it from the heirs of Henry Freethy who is buried in the family burial plot in the meadow.

The children of JAMES and MARY (Milbury) Freethy were:

- (1) James, captured by Indians in <sup>1692</sup>~~1690~~ and carried into captivity to Canada where he was listed as still being in 1710-11; nothing more is known of him nor of his after life.
- (2) Mary, who married Andrew Grover in 1703; both living in 1735; they had 9 children.
- (3) Hannah, who married Matthew Grover in 1704; she died December 9, 1726; they had 11 children.
- (4) Elizabeth, who married Robert Gray in 1706; he died in 1754; she still living.
- (5) Joseph, born 1685; died 1758.

JOSEPH Freethy, son of James and Mary (Milbury) Freethy, was born in York in 1685 and died there in 1758. He married Jemima Hatch (born November 29, 1690) daughter of Samuel and Mary (Littlefield) Hatch of Wells, Maine. Records of the First Church of Wells show that on June 23, 1706, Joseph Freethy "upon profession of Faith received Baptism" at which time he must have been 21 years old. In the final division of lands in York in 1732 he received 8 shares. His wife Jemima died before 1734 as he married Honor Stackpole, daughter of James Stackpole, by whom he had 4 children, on January 24, 1734.





The children of JOSEPH and JEMIMA (Hatch) Freethy were:

- (1) James, born June 14, 1712; must have died before 1736 as Joseph and Honor Stackpole had a child in 1736 whom they called James - see below.
- (2) Mary, born May 29, 1715;
- (3) Hannah, born April 29, 1718, married Nathaniel Bray
- (4) Joseph, born March 26, 1721, married Elizabeth Banks, September 1745;
- (5) John, born Dec. 2, 1724.

The children of JOSEPH and HONOR (Stackpole) Freethy were:

- (1) Jemima, born December 19, 1734;
- (2) James, born March 17, 1736; died young;
- (3) Samuel, born April 11, 1738;
- (4) Jacob, born 1740; died young.

JOSEPH Freethy, born in York, Maine on March 26, 1721, son of Joseph and Jemima (Hatch) Freethy, married Elizabeth Banks (born December 20, 1724) daughter of Job Banks (born February 27, 1696; died 1770) and Martha Winchester Cord Banks (born November 19, 1699; died March 17, 1731), in September 1745.

The children of JOSEPH and ELIZABETH (Banks) Freethy were:

- (1) Joseph, born 1754; died 1838; married Elizabeth Black;

Other children (?)

JOSEPH FREETHY, son of Joseph and ELIZABETH (Banks) Freethy, was born in York in 1754 and removed to Brooklin (then Sedgwick), Maine, in 1763, as verified by Chapter 158, Resolves of 1784, January session of the Commonwealth of Massachusetts, which states that at that date (1784) Joseph Freethy had been there 21 years. An analysis of dates will show that Joseph Freethy was either 9 years old when he left York or that he was born before 1754. He settled on Naskeag Point, the peninsula separating Blue Hill Bay and Eumoggin Reach off the Penobscot River. During his lifetime he built 3 houses on the place each a little farther from the shore and also constructed several vessels which he named after his daughters. On February 13, 1777 he joined the Continental Army at Beverly, Massachusetts, serving 3 years as private and corporal. An inspection of the company returns of the Massachusetts line regiments shows that Joseph Freethy was at Valley Forge during the winter 1777-78 in Capt. Billy Porter's

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WITNESSETH my hand and the seal of the Department of the Interior at Washington, D.C., this 1st day of January, 1901.

JOHN W. FOSTER,  
Secretary of the Interior.

Approved by the Secretary of the Interior  
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Company. After his release (February 17, 1780) from the Army he married Elizabeth Black (born 1763) the first white child born in that region and the daughter of John and Abigail (Watson) Black who were among the first settlers. When Sedgwick was incorporated in 1789 he was elected Selectman (of which there were 3) serving 2 years. He died May 7, 1838 and was buried in the family plot on the farm on Naskeag Point, marked by a monument furnished by the Government to all Revolutionary soldiers. His wife Elizabeth died in 1867 at the age of 104 years and was buried beside him.

The children of JOSEPH and ELIZABETH (Black) Freethy were:

- (1) James, born 1781; married <sup>MARY</sup>.....Gray;
- (2) Lucy, born 1783; married Benjamin Cole;
- \* (3) Betsy, born 1785; married .....Gray;
- (4) Joseph, born 1788; lost at sea;
- (5) Abigail, born 1790; died 1811;
- (6) Peggy, born 1793; married .....Grindle;
- (7) Phebe, born 1795; married .....McKensie;
- (8) Caroline, born 1797; married .....Herrick;
- (9) Nancy, born 1797; married <sup>GEORGE</sup>.....Herrick } FARMER OF  
BEXFORD, ME.
- (10) Cynthia, born 1800; died 1810;
- (11) Alford, born 1805; died 1883; married Nicinda Carter;
- (12) Lewis, born 1808; died infant.

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~~ALFORD~~ Freethy, son of Joseph and Elizabeth (Black) Freethy was born in Brooklin (then Sedgwick) Maine, in 1805 and died in the same place in 1883. He married Nicinda Carter, who was born in 1811 and died in 1898.

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The children of Alford and Nicinda (Carter) Freethy were:

- (1) Augustus, born 1832; died 1876; married Abbie Melissa Herrick;
- (2) Saphronia, born November 25, 1834; married Frank Johnson;
- (3) Alfred, born March 5, 1836; married Fidelia Herrick;
- (4) George, born December 30, 1838; lost at sea about 1857;





- (5) Jane, born January 6, 1840; married Byron Ford;
- (6) Edward, born May 5, 1841; died in Caspar, Cal. 1926; married Mary Richardson;
- (7) Maria, born October 14, 1843; married George Smith;
- (8) Cynthia, born June 9, 1845; married David Willie;
- (9) Nicinda, born February 25, 1847; married Herbert Young;
- (10) Clarinda, born December 4, 1848; married John Woodbury;
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The children of Augustus and Abbie Melissa (Herrick) Freethy were;

- (1) George, born October 30, 1857; died January 6, 1924; married Ellen Weynewsky, born in New York April 25, 1865; died in San Francisco, November 27, 1942;
- (2) Mabel, born September 30, 1858; married Fred Allen of Brooklin;
- (3) Mary Abbie, born March 17, 1861; married Franklin Davis of Lawrence, Mass.;
- (4) Clarence, born May 13, 1863; died 2 years old;
- (5) Frank Herrick, born April 20, 1866; died 1930 in San Francisco, California
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GEORGE Wilford Freethy, son of Augustus and Abbie Melissa (Herrick) Freethy, was born in Brooklin, Maine on October 30, 1857 and at the age of 20, shipped with Captain Albert Eaton of Brooklin on the "Jennie M. Carter" a 3 masted schooner in the coal trade between Boston and New York. The next year, 1878, he was with his uncle, Captain Frank Johnson, running between the West Indies and New York; during one of the trips the vessel capsized but all hands were rescued by a passing Dutch ship. A while later he was working in Illinois for his uncle, Amos Griffin and then went to Mendocino County, California where he worked with his uncle Edward (who spelled his name Freathy) in the redwood lumber camps. His address in the "Herrick Genealogy (Revised)" is given in 1885 as Mendocino, Cal. In San Francisco, on Dec. 13, 1891 he married Ellen Josephine Weynewsky, who was born in New York City on April 25, 1865. Her father, a skilled cabinet maker, was born in Poland about 1834 and died in New York City in 1867 where he is buried; her mother, Mary Feerick, was born in Ballinrobe, County Mayo, Ireland and died in San Francisco. George Wilford Freethy was the owner and operator of scow-schooners, lighters and tugs on San Francisco Bay and Tributaries until his death on January 6, 1924. His brother, Frank Herrick, who was associated with him, died 6 years later on Jan. 30, 1930. Ellen Josephine Freethy died on Nov. 25, 1942.

The children of George and Ellen (Weynewsky) Freethy, all born in San Francisco and baptised in St. Patrick's Church (both birth certificates and baptisimal records were destroyed in the earthquake and fire of 1906):

- twins: (1) George Vincent, born Nov. 1, 1898; died April 17, 1945.  
(2) Francis Vernon, born Nov. 1, 1898  
(3) Helen Madeline, born Mar. 18, 1900  
(4) Maybelle Florence, born Jan. 16, 1901

GEORGE Vincent Freethy, son of George Wilford and Ellen (Weynewsky) Freethy was born in San Francisco, California, on Nov. 1, 1898 and died suddenly in the evening of April 17, 1945. He married on May 25, 1921 (1) Marian Elvira Savage, who was born in Berkeley, Cal. in April 1898 and died April 18, 1924. The children of George and Marian (Savage) Freethy: (Twins) George Vincent (jr) and Donald born Sept. 9, 1923. He married (2) in 1932, Gertrude Cummings. The children of George and Gertrude (Cummings) Freethy: John, born on Jan. 24, 1934; Beverly, born on May 5, 1936; Gayle, born on March 12, 1938.

Francis Vernon (Frank V.) Freethy, son of George Wilford and Ellen (Weynewsky) Freethy was born in San Francisco on Nov. 1, 1898 and on June 16, 1921 married in Mission Dolores Church, Marie Colette Wyss (born March 6, 1901) Daughter of Alfred Paul and Pauline (Schmitz) Wyss. (Alfred P. Wyss was born in Basle, Switzerland and Pauline Schmitz Wyss was born in San Francisco.) At the present time (1951) Frank V. Freethy is the State Wharfinger in charge of Fishermen's Wharf, San Francisco, Cal.





The children of Francis Vernon (Frank V.) and Marie Colette (Wyss) Freethy:

- (1) Beatrice Constance, born Dec. 29, 1922
- (2) Vernon Francis, born Feb. 8, 1926

HELEN Madeline Freethy, daughter of George Wilford and Ellen (Weynewsky) Freethy was born in San Francisco on March 18, 1900; married Bart L. Kenny, son of Patrick B. and Ellen (Maloney) Kenny, on June 15, 1927. The children of Bart and Helen (Freethy) Kenny:

- (1) Patricia Madeleine, born Jan. 14, 1930; now Sister Mary Bartholomew of the Sisters of the Holy Names
- (2) Bertram Freethy, born April 11, 1932
- (3) Raymond George, born Nov. 13, 1935

George Vincent Freethy, Jr., son of George and Marian (Savage) Freethy, was born a twin on Sept. 9, 1923 and during World War II was a 2nd lieutenant in the Army Air Force. He is now (1951) in the S. F. Police Dept. In Sept. 1946, he married Bernice Regan, daughter of Robert and Bernice (Hanna) Regan, born Sept. 4, 1924. Their children:

- (1) Robert Regan, born July 6, 1947
- (2) Maureen Ellen, born May 13, 1950
- (3) Deborah Ann, born in San Francisco, on March 9, 1952; baptised at St. Monica's Church on April 13, 1952. (Sister of Donald Freethy, Dec. 17, 1952.)

Donald, Freethy, son of George and Marian (Savage) Freethy, was born a twin on Sept. 9, 1923 and during World War II was in the U. S. Navy. For his participation in sinking ten enemy ships and destroying three enemy aircraft while a member of the crew of a Navy search bomber, he won the Air Medal and a Gold Star in lieu of a second medal at the age of 22. His grade was A02/c.

Beatrice Constance Freethy, daughter of Francis Vernon (Frank V.) and Marie Colette (Wyss) Freethy, was born in San Francisco on Dec. 29, 1922 and baptised at St. James Church. On Sept. 29, 1942 at St. Brendan's Church she was married to Clifford Andrews and at the present time (1951) they are living in Placerville, Cal. where he is in business. He was born in Cincinnati, Ohio; his parents being Frank and Helen (Wintering) Andrews and during World War II he was a sergeant in the Army Air Force. The children:

- (1) Earl Francis, born in San Francisco on Dec. 27, 1944 and baptised in St. Brendan's Church.





Vernon Francis Freethy, son of Francis Vernon (Frank V.) and Marie Colette (Wyss), was born in San Francisco on Feb. 8, 1926 and baptised in St. James Church. At the present time (1951) he is a teacher in the San Francisco High Schools. On June 10, 1950 he married Dorothy Dalton who was born in Fort Worth, Texas on Dec. 22, 1927, the daughter of \_\_\_\_\_ and Edith (Boles) Dalton. Their children:

(1) Michelle, born in San Francisco, May 22, 1951, baptised at St. Emigdio's Church on June 10<sup>th</sup> 1951.

(Letter from Frank V. Freethy  
June 13, 1951).

(2) Ann Marie, born in Oakland, Cal., on Sept. 7, 1952; baptised at St. Anne's Church on Oct. 5, 1952.

(Letter from Frank V. Freethy  
Oct 17, 1952, in Librarian's file)



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The HERRICK family

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This genealogical material is included in this pamphlet because the descendants of Augustus and Abbie Melissa (Herrick) Freethy can also trace their descent from the HERRICK family; the information was obtained from "The Herrick Registry" published by General Jedediah Herrick in 1845 at Bangor, Maine and the "The Herrick Genealogy(Revised)" published in 1885 at Columbus, Ohio by Dr. Lucius Herrick.

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The traditions of this very ancient family claim their descent from Ericke, a Danish Chief, who invaded England during the reign of Alfred, and having been vanquished by that King, was compelled with his followers, to re-people the wasted districts of East Anglia, the government of which he held as fief of the English crown. He is recognized in history as "Ericke, King of those Danes who hold the Countrie of East Angle".

The Norman invasion found the name represented by Eric the Forester, who resided in Leicestershire and possessed extensive domains along the sources of the Severn and on the borders of Wales.

Henry Eryrke, a lineal descendant from Eric the Forrester, was seated at Great Stretton in the County of Leicestershire, England at a very remote period. His Grandson:

#### I

Robert Eryrke of Stretton, by his wife Joanne, had:

- (1) (Sir) William, his heir
- (2) Robert, called Robert de Stretton, chaplain to Edward the Black Prince, and finally Lord Bishop of Litchfield; he died in 1385
- (3) John of Stretton

#### II

Sir William Eyrk, Knight of Stretton, was commissioned to attend the Prince of Wales on his expedition into Gascony in 1355. From Sir William descended:

- (1) Robert Eyrick of Houghton on the Hull, living in 1450 who left by his wife, Agnes: Robert who died without issue.
- (2) Thomas Eyrick of Houghton

#### III

Thomas Eyrick of Houghton, who settled in Leicestershire, is the first of that name on the books of the Corporation, where he is recorded as a member of that body in 1511. He died in 1517, leaving the following children:

- (1) Nicholas
- (2) John, born 1513; died 1589
- (3) Elizabeth, mentioned in her father's will, 1517.





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The HERRICK Family.

#### IV

John Lyrick or Heyrick of Leicestershire was born in 1513 and died on April 2, 1589. He was twice Mayor of that Corporation in 1559 and 1572. He married Mary Bond, daughter of John Bond, Esquire, of Warwickshire. She was born in 1514 and died on Dec. 8, 1611. The following epitaph on their tombstone is found in St. Martin's Church, Leicester, at the east end of the north aisle, in a part called "Heyrick's Chancel":

"Here lieth the body of John Heyrick, late of this Parish, who departed this life ye 2d day of Aprill, 1589, being about the age of 76. He did marry Marie, ye daughter of John Bond of Wardende, in the Countie of Warwicke, Esquire, and did live with the said Mary, in one house, full fifty-two yeares, and in all that tyme, never buried man, woman or child, though they were sometimes twenty in house-hold. He had yssue by ye said Marie, 5 sonnes and seven daughters. The said John was Mayor of this towne in anno 1559 and again in anno 1572. The said Marie departed this life ye 8th of December, 1611, being of the age of 97 years. She did see before her departure, of her children and children's children and their children, to the number of 142".

The children of John and Mary (Bond) Heyrick were:

- (1) Robert
- (2) Nicholas
- (3) Thomas, died in 1623 without issue
- (4) John
- (5) William, born 1557; died 1653
- (6) Ursula, married Lawrence Hawes, merchant of London
- (7) Agnes, married William Davie
- (8) Mary, married Sir Thomas Bennett, Lord Mayor of London, 1603
- (9) Helen, married Holden
- (10) Elizabeth, married John Stanford, Esquire, Recorder of Leicester
- (11) Christianna, married George Brookes, Esquire
- (12) Alice, married Hind

#### V

(Sir) William Herrick, born in 1557, Son of John and Mary (Bond) Heyrick, was a successful courteir and statesman. In 1575 he attached himself to the Court of Queen Elizabeth, by whom he was appointed Ambassador to the Sublime Porte (Turkey). As a reward for his diplomatic success with the hitherto intractable Turk, he was appointed to a lucrative situation in the Exchequer which he held through the reign of James I by whom he was knighted in 1605. He was a member of Parliament from 1601 to 1630. "By honorable service, and great diligence in business, he acquired a very large property and became one of the great monied men of his time."

He had early purchased the estate of the unfortunate Earl of Essex at Beau Manor Park in the Parish of Loughboro', County of Leicester. In 1596, he married Joan May, daughter of Richard May, Esquire, of London, and died on March 2, 1653 at the age of 96. It is interesting to note that his brother, Nicholas, was a Goldsmith, Banker and Merchant, of London, and the father of the English poet Robert Herrick (who spelled his name variously as Hearick, Hireck and Herrick), the author of the "Hesperides".





THE HERRICK FAMILY.

V

The children of Sir William and Lady Joan (May) Herrick were:

- (1) William, born 1597
- (2) Robert, born 1598; died without issue
- (3) Richard, born 1600; died 1667
- (4) Thomas, born 1602; died without issue
- (5) Henry, born 1604; died 1671
- (6) Roger
- (7) John
- (8) Elizabeth, born 1603; died young
- (9) Mary, died at the age of 20 years
- (10) Martha, married 1634, John Holmstead, Esq., of Lynn Norfolk
- (11) Dorothy, married 1626, Rev. James Lancanshire
- (12) Elizabeth, married 1633, Beaumont Pight, Esquire

VI

Henry Herrick (sometimes written Henrie Hireck; Hericke), the 5th child of Sir William Herrick, was born at Beau Manor Park, Leicester, England in 1604 and died in Massachusetts in 1671. He was named by command of Prince Henry, eldest son of King James I. His sponsors were Sir David Murray, Sir John Spillman and Lady Aston.

He came over from England to Maumkeag, then first named Salem, June 24, 1629. He settled on "Cape-Ann-Syde" of Bass River (now Beverly) on which his farm bounded, and purchased several farms later at Birch Plains and Cherry Hill. His son Joseph resided on Cherry Hill; his sons Zacharie, Ephraim and John on Birch Plains, while his son Henry inherited the Homestead at Lower Beverly. His wife was Editha, daughter of Mr. Hugh Laskin of Salem; she was born in 1614 and was still living in 1674.

He was a very good and honest dissenter from the Established Church and a friend of Reverend Higginson, who had been a dissenting minister in Leicester and with his wife Editha was among the thirty that founded the first church in Salem in 1629. When a new parish was organized in 1667 at Beverly, they with their sons and sons' wives were among the founders of that church also. That they were not too strict in religious matters is shown by the Court Records of Essex: "Henerie Hericke, and Edith his wife, are fined 10 s., and 11 s. for costs of Court, for aiding and comforting an ex-communicated person, contrary to order."

Out of a very numerous family (tradition says 12 sons and several daughters) 7 sons and 1 daughter survived and are named in his will:

- (1) Thomas, birth not recorded; married Hannah Ordway, no issue
- (2) Zacharie, baptised Dec. 25, 1636
- (3) Ephraim, baptised Feb. 11, 1638
- (4) Henry, baptised Jan. 16, 1640; died June 1702
- (5) Joseph, baptised Aug. 6, 1645
- (6) Elizabeth, baptised July 4, 1647
- (7) John, baptised May 25, 1650
- (8) Benjamin, no record; died without issue.



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VII

Henry Herrick of Beverly, Mass., sone of Henry and Editha (Laskin) Herrick, was baptised Jan. 16, 1640 and died in Jan. 1702. He inherited the paternal farm. He married (1) Lydia Woodbury and their children were:

- (1) Lydia, baptised 1661
- (2) Joseph, baptised 1666
- (3) Elizabeth, baptised Dec. 6, 1668; married Isaac Woodbury
- (4) Samuel, baptised 1670; died 1743
- (5) Jonathan, baptised 1672.

Upon the death of his wife, Lydia, he married Sarah, widow of John Giddinge of Gloucester in 1690, who survived him, dying in 1711.

VIII

Samuel Herrick of Beverly, 4th child of Henry and Lydia (Woodbury) Herrick, was baptised in 1670; married Sarah Leach of Salem on May 25, 1691; moved to Gloucester about 1720 and died there in 1743. The children of Samuel and Sarah (Leach) Herrick were:

- (1) Sarah, born Dec. 8, 1692; married Herbert Thorndike
- (2) Joseph, born Nov. 15, 1695
- (3) Lydia, born Jan. 26, 1698; married Benjamin Woodbury
- (4) Abigail, born Nov. 13, 1699; married Isaac Woodbury
- (5) Samuel, born Nov. 16, 1702; died young
- (6) Samuel, born Jan. 25, 1705; died 1764.
- (7) Thomas, born April 14, 1707
- (8) Benjamin, born Dec. 10, 1710; died at sea about 1751
- (9) Lucy, born April 16, 1713; married Thomas Woodbury
- (10) Ebenezer, born July 31, 1718

IX

Samuel Herrick, 6th child of Samuel and Sarah (Leach) Herrick, was born on Jan. 25, 1705 in Gloucester; married Kesiah Haskell in 1731 who died without issue and in 1733 he married Prudence Haskell; she died in 1774; he died 10 years before in 1764. The children of Samuel and Prudence (Haskell) Herrick were:

- (1) Benjamin, born March 1734
- (2) Hannah, born Oct. 1735
- (3) Lucy, born March 1738
- (4) Ebenezer, born Dec. 1739
- (5) Andrew, born Aug. 1742
- (6) Samuel born Dec. 1744
- (7) John, born 1747
- (8) Daniel, born 1750





The HERRICK Family.

X

Ebenezer Herrick, 4th child of Samuel and Prudence (Haskell) Herrick, was born in Gloucester, Mass. in Dec. 1739; settled in Sedgwick, Maine around 1763 with his brothers John and Samuel at the spot now known as Herricks Bay; when Sedgwick was incorporated in 1789 he was elected Jarden. He married \_\_\_\_\_ in \_\_\_\_\_ and died \_\_\_\_\_. The children of Ebenezer and \_\_\_\_\_ ( ) Herrick were:

- (1) Hannah, born \_\_\_\_\_; married Nicholas Obear
- (2) Phebe, born \_\_\_\_\_; married Samuel Hale
- (3) Shadrack, born Nov. 10, 1767; died April 7, 1814
- (4) Lois, born \_\_\_\_\_;
- (5) Ebenezer, born \_\_\_\_\_;
- (6) Susanna, born \_\_\_\_\_; married Amos Eaton of Mt. Desert
- (7) Rebecca, born \_\_\_\_\_; married Samuel Watson
- (8) Ruth, born \_\_\_\_\_; married John Wells

XI

Shadrack Herrick, 3d child of Ebenezer Herrick, was born in Sedgwick, Me., on Nov. 10, 1767; married Joanna Obear on \_\_\_\_\_; and died \_\_\_\_\_. The children of Ebenezer and Joanna (Obear) Herrick were:

- (1) Amos
- (2) William
- (3) Elizabeth
- (4) Edmund
- (5) Joel
- (6) Joanna
- (7) Shadrack, born 1804
- (8) Sophia

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XII

(Capt.) Shadrack Herrick, master mariner, of Sedgwick, Me., 7th child of Shadrack and Joanna (Obear) Herrick, was born in 1804; married Elizabeth Griffin (born 1819) of Ellsworth, Me. in 1836 and died \_\_\_\_\_. In 1849 the town of Sedgwick was divided and the section where the Herricks lived was called Brooklin. The children of Shadrack and Elizabeth (Griffin) Herrick were:

- (1) Alonzo, born 1837; settled in Aurora, Illinois
- (2) Abbie Melissa, born 1840; died 1894; married Augustus Freethy
- (3) Phidelia, born 1842; married Alfred Freethy
- (4) Georgeanna, born 1846; married George Babson Nov 7 1866
- (5) Emery Haughten; born May 25, 1848; died April 24, 1927; married Flavilla Billings
- (6) Josephine, born 1852; died 1886; married Parris Freethy. (Their son, Guy Freethy of Sargentville, Me., died in 1946 without issue).

For the descendants of Augustus and Abbie Melissa (Herrick) Freethy, see page VI of this pamphlet.

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For full and further information on the HERRICK family, see the "Herrick Register" (1848) by General Jedediah Herrick and the "Herrick Genealogy" (1885) by Dr. Lucius Herrick in the Library of Congress.

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